**Attitude 2024 (sjm8-28-2024)**

**ATTITUDE** your key to success [whether you think you can/can't your right]

**Ever heard God say** “I can’t do it” go to someone else for help?

 “It can’t be done? Try another avenue?

 “that’s a little bit too much to ask for?

 People routinely act like things are too difficult w/God.

**Prov 23:7** For as a man **thinketh** in his heart **(not appears on outside)** (down inside the real you) so is he!

 **[your attitude towards God & life determines your altitude]**

 This is how God judges your chances for success?

* Not by your height, weight
* Not by your education
* Not by your IQ (these are only factors)
* Not by your socio –economic conditions
* Not by your location
* **Is 53:6 & 11** Je (Jesus) bore our inequities = Unevenness

 **GOOD NEWS:** **You control your attitude** (not your past, environment, circumstances: they only **INFLUENCE**)

Your past didn't make you the way you are, it made you believe that you are - which then controls your thoughts & actions.

 **Iowa Studies proved it!**

 No such thing as a looser with God

 **Key:** Most of us look outward instead of inward

 Looking for others to provide for us

 Looking for circumstances to change

 God’s says in **2 Cor 4:7** “we have this treasure in earthen vessels”

 **Def:** **Attitude =** **The way we feel towards or see a given fact**

  **EX:** **Num 13:** 10 spies BOTH VIEWED **FACTS** THE SAME -

 Land flowed w/milk & honey, but cities walled & men are giants.

**10 spies** We are not able t/go against the people for they are stronger then us, they are giants:

**Caleb** Let us go & possess it for we are well able

 Shadrach, Meshack & Abednego said = are God is able!

 Centruion – speak only the word

 Woman w/Daughter vexed of Devil – Dog’s eat the crumbs from the table

 Woman W/issue of blood – All I have to do is touch the hem of Jesus garment

 2 Blind men – just get Jesus attention

1. Jesus towards Lazareth *(if you believe – you will see the glory of God*
2. David towards Goliath *(didn’t see how big/strong he was – only that he was uncircumcised)*
3. Jesus about the Passover *(disciples – we go to die - Jesus we go to proclaim good news)*
4. Shadrach, Meshack & Abednego (*were they fire retardant?) They were an opportunity*
5. Daniel (was he un-appetizing to the Lions) *He also was an opportunity*

 Point of reference different? They **knew** God's destiny vs going at it with natural ability? How about us?

 **Optimists** & **Pessimists** are both realists. IE: They see the **facts** to describe the present, but have different view of the OUTCOME!

 **Attitude**= **An interpreter of our reality, gives us a Basis to take action**

 {diff between perceived reality & actual reality} often live in Perception} (Matt 13:14 Read)

 **\*Rem John 17:17** Hagin attitude of people coming for prayer! *(I think I’ll be healed”)*

 **Key:** The reality **you live in** becomes your realm of possibilities

 **Attitude** is your point of ref which is used to base your **RESPONSE**S

 1) Thomas Edison's-after massive fire "this is great mistakes are burnt up"

Shadrack (was he fire resistant – he heard from God)

 David he stronger than Goliath?)

 Elijah - (what were the chances against 400 false prophets?)

 Abraham (could he rely on natural events)

 Mary & Martha (viewed facts differently)

 ALL USED GOD OR WORD AS POINT OF REFERENCE

 **God is an optimist Key is he is an Optimist towards you!**

 **Optimist = An optimistic person thinks the best possible thing will happen, and hopes for it even**

 **if it's not likel (in the natural realm)**

 1) I Can do all things ..

 2) We are more than a conqueror

 3) Let the weak say I am strong

 **\*The pessimist crosses the bridge the optimist builds\***

 **Houdini – Story crossed the Niagara falls on a tight rope**

 **How to Change Attitudes**

**Believe you are a special person in God’s eyes – 1 Peter 2:9** But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;

 **Believe that he is no respecter of persons Acts 10:34**

 **Believe in is the same yesterday, today and forever – Heb 13:8**

 **Believe that no prophecy of scripture is of any private interpretation 1 Peter 1:20**

 **Believe that the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord Ps 37:23**

 **Act like Abraham in Rom 4:18-21 Read**

 **Phil 2:5** Let this **mind** be in you that was also in Christ! THINK ON HIS THOUGHTS

 **Strong’s definition of Mind**: “To be mentally disposed in a **certain** direction”

 **1 Cor 2:14**  Amphld - But the natural man does not accept the things [the teachings and revelations] of the Spirit of

God, for they are foolishness [absurd and illogical] to him; and he is incapable of understanding them,

 because they are spiritually discerned *and* appreciated, [and he is unqualified to judge spiritual matters]

 . 15But the spiritual man [the spiritually mature Christian] judges all things [questions, examines and applies

 what the Holy Spirit reveals],